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The International Secretariat of the OMCT/SOS Torture requests your **urgent** intervention in the following situation in **Indonesia/East Timor.**

Brief description of the situation:
Antenna International, a member of our network, has expressed its grave concern over the physical and psychological integrity of a group of East Timorese arrested by Indonesian authorities on 21 November 1995 while trying to escape to Australia.

On 18 November at 19.00 a boat called Tasi Diak left Hera, near Dili, with a group of passengers who claimed to be headed for the nearby Indonesian island of Kisar. After two days of sailing and hiding from the authorities, the group, which included women and children, were arrested by the local military command at the beach of Be Aço and taken to the Viqueque military post (KODIM 1630).

According to the information received, the group was falsely accused of carrying the anti-integrationist Fretilin flag and resistance documents and freedom movement guerillas. The group was questioned for the rest of the day and well into the night without being given any food or drink. On 22 November the group was taken to Baucau and then to Dili. Six youths and six children were taken in a military truck of the battalion 4610 plate (DF 5874), and a group of married couples was transported in a Hino vehicle of the Viqueque military command KODIM 1630 (plate DF 3136).

The following is the list we have received of the detainees' names. It is possibly incomplete:
Domingos Savio Correia (of Tirilolo, Bacau),
Ivo Correia (Tirilolo, Baucau),
Maria Auxiliadora Amelia Alves (Vila-Verde, Dili),
Atanasio da Luz (Bemori, Dili),
Maria Teresa Ribeiro (Bemori, Dili),
Jose Maria da Costa (Baucau),
Filomena de Araujo (Motael, Dili),
Celestino da Silva Barros (Motael, Dili),
Zutmira de Araujo (Vila-Verde, Dili),
Alexandre de Jesus (Vila-Verde, Dili),
Jose Aniceto Nunes (Vila-Verde, Dili),
Raimundo de Jesus (Motael, Dili),
Alvaro Castro de Jesus (Vila-Verde, Dili),
Adelino de Araujo Verdial (Vila-Verde, Dili),
Paulino Gama (Vila-Verde, Dili),
Domingo Gomes (Quintal Mascarenhas, Dili),
Maria Fatima Pereira (Vila-Verde, Dili),
Luis Pereira Soares (Vila-Verde Dili),
Jose Caetano Simoes (Baucau),
Jaimito de Carvalho (Motael, Dili),
Carmen Corte-Real (who had with her her ten month old child and whose husband allegedly was one of the boat people who reached Australia in May 1995)
Arsenio Corte-Real (Quintal Mascarenhas, Dili),
Amelia Alves (Vila-Verde, Dili),
Domingos Alves (Vila-Verde, Dili),
Ameu (Bacau, Dili resident),
Agostinho (Viqueque, Dili resident),
Americo (Manatuto, Dili resident).

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Later information claims that the detainees are at Dili's police station (POLWIL) where it is alleged that they are being subjected to ill-treatment including torture.

Action requested:
Please write to the Indonesian authorities urging them to:

i. guarantee the physical and psychological integrity of the persons named above and order their immediate release, if they are still in detention;

ii. put an end to illegal or arbitrary detentions and the practice of torture or ill-treatment to people deprived of their liberty;

iii. investigate the practice of torture or ill-treatment of detainees in order to identify those responsible and punish them;

iv. ensure the respect of human rights and fundamental liberties throughout the country in accordance with national laws and international standards.

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Kindly inform us of any action undertaken quoting the code number of this appeal in your reply.